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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004 (7 pgs)

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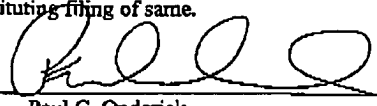
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AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2004, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendment to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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